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Applicant : Meng, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/579,327  
Filed : May 25, 2000  
For : IMMUNE-STIMULATING  
BACTERIAL CELL WALL  
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Examiner : I. Fields

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed August 30, 2002, (Paper No. 15) for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 16 and 17 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for producing an immune stimulating composition comprising:

treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with an acid treatment solution having a pH of less than 6.8, wherein said solution is substantially free of added raffinose and added enzymes;

removing insoluble components from the solution resulting from said treating;  
saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable

pH; and

obtaining thereby an immune stimulating composition.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS FILED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	27	—	21	6	= × \$9	= \$ 54
Independent Claims	2	—	2		= 0 × \$42	= \$0
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add					\$140	= \$0
Time Extension Fee						\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 54

- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.  
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